

# SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005

CASE NO.: SC04-1636

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE  
NO. 02-337

ANA MARIA PANDO

## RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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The undersigned, **ANA MARIA PANDO**, hereby respectfully responds to this Court's Orders dated Tuesday, September 27, 2005 and Wednesday, November 9, 2005, issued by **The Honorable Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of The Supreme Court**, as follows:

1. On Tuesday, September 27, 2005, I appeared before this Court, as directed, to receive a reprimand concerning a campaign contribution. At such reprimand administered by Chief Justice Barbara Pariente, no date certain was given as to when I was required to pay the fine.
2. I was unaware of the issuance of a written Order subsequent to the orally pronounced reprimand mandating that I pay the fine by October 27, 2005.
3. On the evening of Tuesday, November 15, 2005, I was advised by a colleague that an article had been published by The Daily Business Review stating that an Order to Show Cause had issued against me for non-payment of the fine imposed by this Court.
4. First thing on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, my judicial assistant, Betty Delfino, immediately called the Clerk's Office in Tallahassee and spoke to Kelly Dugger, who gave her all of the information regarding this case. Needless to say, this information came as a complete surprise to my assistant, as well, who handles all of my office matters.
5. Notwithstanding the above, I have been in the process of refinancing my home since the date of the public reprimand so as to expeditiously comply with this Court's directive. The financing was delayed because of obstacles related to Hurricane Wilma.

6. Because of the urgency of this matter, the closing of the loan was expedited. My lenders have graciously offered to immediately advance the monies needed in order for me to comply with this Court's directive; therefore, I am submitting the \$25,000.00 in full payment of the fine imposed by the Court.

**WHEREFORE**, it is respectfully requested that the Court's Order to Show Cause dated November 9, 2005, be quashed.

**DATED** at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ANA MARIA PANDO**  
**County Judge**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent to the Clerk of The Supreme Court of Florida, via e-mail ([e-file@flcourts.org](mailto:e-file@flcourts.org)); and to Amy L. Drushal, Esq., Trenam Kemker, P.A., 101 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2700, Tampa, Florida 33602, via Facsimile (No. 813-229-6553), this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2005.

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**ANA MARIA PANDO**